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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Project Review Committee Procedures Memo

1. I have read the above memo and Mr. [redacted] memo relating thereto. Mr. [redacted] criticisms are, in my opinion, well taken with the exception of his criticisms of Paragraph D and his objections to Paragraph F to having copies of projects in the hands of the Committee 48 hours prior to meeting time. If Mr. [redacted] himself has them 48 hours before meeting time, as he states, I do not see why he cannot distribute them immediately. 25X1 25X1 25X1

2. The most important part of the subject memo, to my mind, is Paragraph B(2). I do not think that a project should come before the Committee unless it has the indorsement of the Deputy involved and unless that Deputy is willing to take complete responsibility to the Committee both for proposing the project and for its form. If the Deputy appeared as a sponsor and not as a judge, he would be responsible for the presentation. Under present procedures there is no real responsibility.

3. As you know, I believe that the whole PRC approach is wrong and terribly timewasting and, at a later time, I will make a proposal for fundamentally improving our method of handling these matters. The above suggestions are therefore mainly procedural but apply to a system which per se has important inherent weaknesses.

Stuart Hedden

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